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FM AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

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INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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AMEMBASSY GABORONE

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

AMEMBASSY MASERU

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SUBJECT: CODEL CLARK

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1. AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED CODEL CLARK VISIT WITH FOREIGN
MINISTER CHISSANO ON OCTOBER 28. AMBASSADOR HAD
ANTICIPATED RECEIPT OF REFTEL A AND DISCUSSED PROGRAM
FOR CODEL IN TERMS NEW SCHEUDLE FOR MAPUTO.

2. CHISSANO SAID GPRM IS PLEASED THAT SENATOR IS
VISITING MOZAMBIQUE, AND HE WILL TRY ARRANGE PROGRAM
IN ACCORDANCE SENATOR'S WISHES AS INDICATED REFTEL
B, ALTHOUGH HE DOUBTS THERE ENOUGH TIME IN SCHEDULE
TO PERMIT VISIT TO SITES OF MOZAMBIQUE'S DEVELOPMENT
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EFFORTS SINCE MOST OF THESE OUTSIDE OF MAPUTO. HE

ALSO SAID IT WOULD TAKE "SOME TIME" TO WORK OUT SCHEDULE, SINCE HE WOULD HAVE TO FIND OUT WHEN PRESIDENT WOULD BE ABLE TO MEET WITH SENATOR AS WEOL AS NOTIFY ZIPA LEADERS OF SENATOR'S DESIRE MEET WITH THEM AND AWAIT THEIR RESPONSE. THUS, IT NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME FOR EMBASSY TO PROVIDE HOUR BY HOUR SCHEDULE AS REQUESTED REFTEL C. IN FACT, JUDGING FROM OUR EXPERIENCE WITG VISITS OF SENATOR PERCY, GOVERNOR SCRANTON AND TWO VISITS OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFEELE, EMBASSY MAY NOT BE ABLE NAIL DOWN TIMES FOR MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT AND OTHER SENIOR GPRM OFFICIALS UNTIL JUST PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF SENATOR. TRUST CODEL WILL BE FLEXIBLE AND UNDERSTANDING.

3. EMBASSY'S BEST BET IS THAT GPRM WILL ARRANGE THE FOLLOWING: SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT, FOREIGN MINISTER (WHO REGRETS FAILURE MEET WITH SENATOR IN NEW YORK) AND DOS SANTOS, PLUS (PERHAPS) MEETING WITH ZIPA LEADERS(S). IF ANY OF ZIMBABWEAN NATIONALIST LEADERS IN MAPUTO DURING CODEL VISIT THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM ARRANGING MEETINGS WITH THEM. EMBASSY WILL ALSO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY OF CAR TRIP OUT TO NEAREST "COMMUNAL VILLAGE" WHERE CODEL WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY LOOK AT WHAT GPRM DOING IN AREAS PREVENTIVE MEDICINE, LITERACY AND RURAL COLLECTIVIZATION. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY FOR NOVEMBER 20 OR 21 IF SENATOR CONCURS WOULD BE TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF CHARTERED AIR TRIP TO A ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEE CAMP. TRIP WOULD PROBABLY REQUIRED ALL OF ONE DAY'S DAYLIGHT HOURS. PLEASE ADVISE IF INTERESTED.

4. EMBASSY IS WORKING THROUGH LOCAL TAP OFFICE AND GPRM TO OBTAIN PERMISSION CODEL TRAVEL TO LUANDA. LOCAL TAP AGENT EXPECTS NO PROBLEM, BUT CONFIRMATION LIKELY TAKE SEVERAL DAYS. WILL NOTIFY DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY WHEN CONFIRMATION RECEIVED. RETURN RESERVATIONS FOR CODEL ON TM403 LUANDA TO MAPUTO ON NOVEMBER 19 ARE CONFIRMED.

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5. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT CORRESPONDENTS WHO WISH ACCOMPANY CODEL TO MOZAMBIQUE APPLY FOR VISAS ASAP. THEY SHOULD CABLE FOLLOWING BIO DATA DIRECTLY TO MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS WITH PREPARED RESPONSE: FULL NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, FULL PASSPORT DATA, NAMES OF PARENTS INCLUDING MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME, DATES OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE AND PURPOSE OF VISIT. GPRM'S RECORD WITH RESPECT TREATMENT OF CORRESPONDENTS

HAS BEEN UNEVEN. SOME HAVE HAD NO TROUBLE GETTING VISAS, OTHERS HAVE ENCOUNTERED OBSTACLES AND DELAYS. EMBASSY HAS HAD LITTLE SUCCESS IN FACILITIATING OR EXPEDITING VISAS FOR CORRESPONDENTS.

6. DEPARTMENT AND POSTS SHOULD ADVISE CORRESPONDENTS THAT TAP FLIGHTS FROM MAPUTO TO LUANDA ARE BOOKED SOLID FOR MONTHS. CORRESPONDENTS WILL BE UNABLE ACCOMPANY CODEL ON NOVEMBER 16 TAP FLIGHT TO LUANDA UNLESS GPRM CHOOSES TO INTERVENE ON THEIR BEHALF, WHICH EMBASSY DOUBTS IT WILL DO. INTERVENTION REQUIRES BUMPING OF DEPARTING PORTUGUESE WHO HAVE BEEN WAITING MONTHS TO LEAVE MOZAMBIQUE.

7. THERE ARE NO WESTERN CORRESPONDENTS RESIDENT IN MAPUTO.
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